

RESTRICTED/LIMITED RESIDENTIAL LICENSE (BC-A/r)

*In lieu of taking the BC-A residential exam, a residential building contractor may obtain a special restricted limited residential license with a BC-A/r classification, for two (2) years and may renew once, without taking the exams. The BC-A/r license will allow constructing small houses for **less than \$70,000**, by taking a Limited License course with their local community college or vocational school. The contractor **MUST** comply with all other application requirements, as this course waives the examinations, only. The monetary limit on a project or contract cannot exceed **\$70,000**, which includes contractor's cost of land and profit. These restricted BC-A/r contractors **CANNOT** enter into joint ventures. To increase the monetary limit, the contractor must take the exams (Business and Law and the trade exams) and submit the required financial statement (current, reviewed by licensed CPA) with the revision form, to remove the restriction and increase the limit.*

After holding the BC-A/r license for a total of four (4) years, the contractor cannot renew (limited to one renewal without exams) and must take the exams to obtain a BC-A residential building license. A current reviewed financial statement, prepared by a licensed CPA, will also be required in order to obtain a monetary limit increase.

Consideration may be given to waive the BC-A trade exam if the contractor:

1. *Maintains a clean record (no complaints);*
2. *Provides proof of experience with a minimum of four (4) "ground up" projects; and*
3. *Provides a reference from a codes office.*

Check with your local Tennessee community college to see if they offer the "Limited License" for restricted residential building. Their course certificate may be used to obtain a contractors license, in lieu of the exams, only. You must follow all other contractor application requirements and local municipalities permit guidelines. Forms may be downloaded from the Contractor's Board website at:

<http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/contractors/formsandapps.html>

You may check with community colleges and technical Institutes in your area to see if they currently offer a "Limited Licensed" restricted residential course. Information for each school may be found online at: <http://www.tbr.state.tn.us/campuses.htm>

Chattanooga State Technical Community College
(423)697-3102

Cleveland State Community College
(423) 472-7141

Columbia State Community College
(931) 540-2722

Dyersburg State Community College
(731) 286-3200

Motlow State Community College - Tullahoma
(931) 393-1500 or 1-800-654-4877

Nashville State Technical Institute
(800) 272-7363

Northeast State Technical Community College - Blountville
(423) 323 -3191 or 1-800-836-7822

Roane State Community College - Harriman
(865) 354-3000 or 1-800-343-9104

Southwest Tennessee Community College - Memphis
(901) 333-5000

Pellissippi State Technical Community College - Knoxville
(865) 694-6400

Volunteer State Community College - Nashville
(615) 452-8600

Walters State Community College - Morristown
(800) 225-4770 or (423) 585-2600

Not all schools offer the limited licensed course. Check with your local community college to see if they offer the "Limited License" training course for restricted residential building, which may be used in lieu of the exams, ONLY, for building small tract homes, less than \$70,000 - total contract. Contractors must still complete all other application requirements and may submit their certificate instead of exam scores.

For more information on obtaining a contractors license, please go to the main website at: <http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/boards/contractors/index.html>